Ranunculus vine heart

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 4.4 × 4.4 in (11.2 × 11.2 cm)



Colors by number: page 2.

What you need

A 6 inch (15 cm) hoop.

A 9 inch (23 cm) square of white or light cotton or linen.

An embroidery needle, size 9.

23 colors of floss (page 2): one skein of each color (an estimate from the drawing's lines and shapes).

A water-soluble pen, and small scissors.

Onto the fabric

Fabric you can see through: page 3 taped to a sunny window, the fabric over it; trace.

Other fabric: dressmaker's carbon paper, colored side down, page 3 on top; trace with a ballpoint.

Iron-on pen: go over page 4, the mirrored page, and press it ink side down as the pen's packet says. The lines stay.

Then hoop it, inner ring under, tight as a drum.

How to read it

Floss has six strands: cut 18 inches (45 cm), pull out the number named one at a time, and lay them together.

Start a filling with tiny stitches, a line with a small knot; end under stitches on the back.

Every stitch in pictures: flossfield.com/embroidery/stitches.

New to this: flossfield.com/embroidery/guides/how-to-start.

Stitch in this order

Where a stitch page says otherwise, follow this list.

1. **Stem stitch**
   2 strands: leaf ribs, bud stems, pendant stem
   3 strands: left stem

2. **Fishbone stitch**, 2 strands
   Three-lobed leaves



3. **Satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Ferny leaves, buds, sepals, apricot ranunculus, wine ranunculus, butter ranunculus, blush ranunculus, coral ranunculus, pendant bud



4. **Stem stitch**, 3 strands
   Twisted stems

5. **Split stitch**, 1 strand
   Petal edges

6. **Padded satin stitch**, 2 strands
   Green hearts



7. **French knot**
   2 strands, two wraps
   Knots of the green hearts



Take out lines that still show, press face down, finish the hoop or sew a pillow.

In a 6 inch hoop the French knots are drawn smaller than about 2 mm (a little over 1/16 in). Use one strand of floss for them there, or choose a larger hoop.

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A number is a color of the list. Fine lines show which way the stitches lie: do not stitch them.



1	DMC 895 Very Dark Hunter Green	9	DMC 351 Coral	17	DMC 721 Medium Orange Spice
2	DMC 3346 Hunter Green	10	DMC 350 Medium Coral	18	DMC 472 Ultra Light Avocado Green
3	DMC 951 Light Tawny	11	DMC 3713 Very Light Salmon	19	DMC 3803 Dark Mauve
4	DMC 3825 Pale Pumpkin	12	DMC 761 Light Salmon	20	DMC 815 Medium Garnet
5	DMC 722 Light Orange Spice	13	DMC 760 Salmon	21	DMC 814 Dark Garnet
6	DMC 520 Dark Fern Green	14	DMC 745 Light Pale Yellow	22	DMC 3328 Dark Salmon
7	DMC 522 Fern Green	15	DMC 3822 Light Straw	23	DMC 347 Very Dark Salmon
8	DMC 352 Light Coral	16	DMC 729 Medium Old Gold		

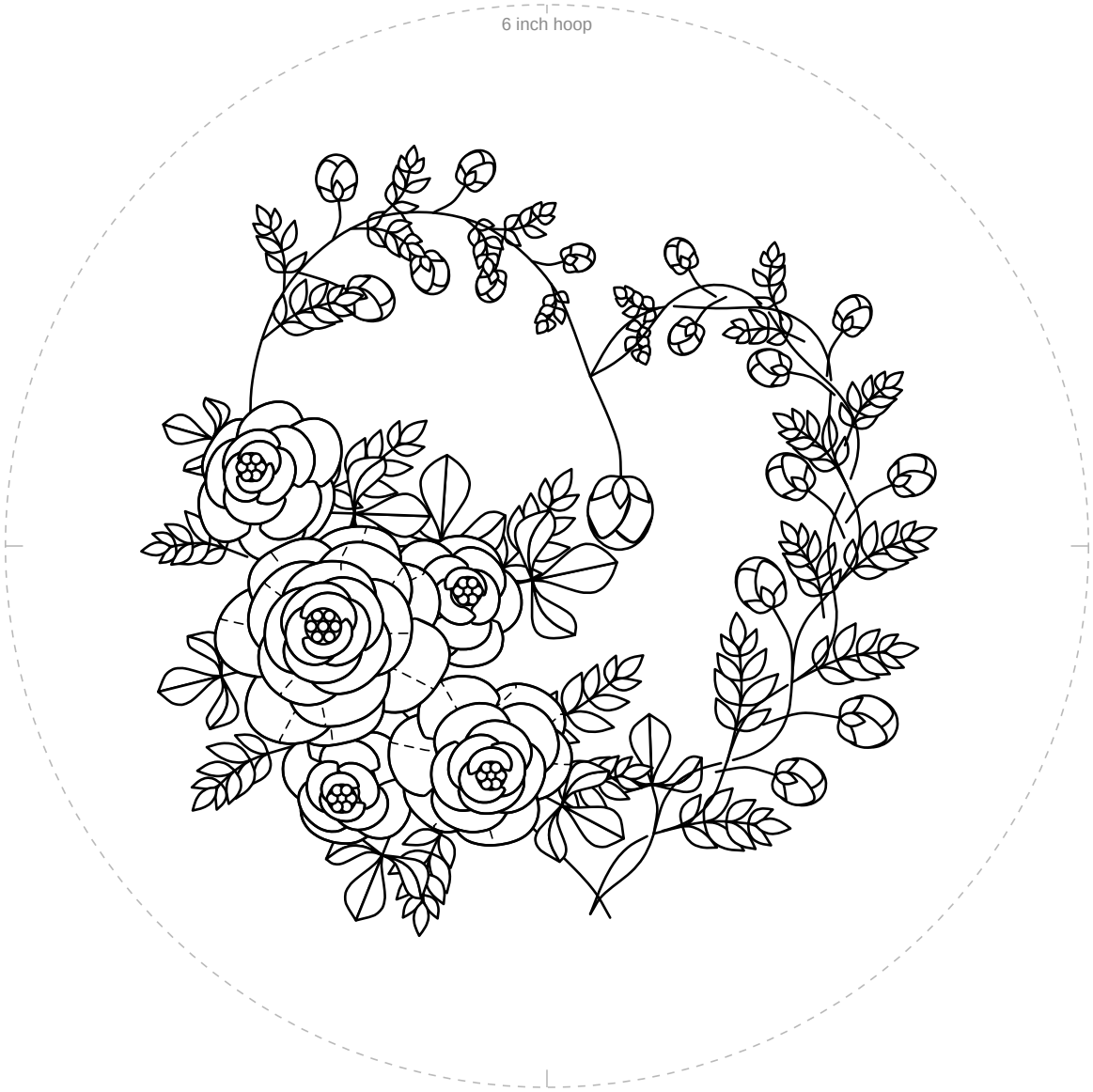
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Print at 100% and measure the square. Trace the black lines only. The gray ring is the hoop: fold the fabric in four and lay the folds on its ticks.

On the drawing a ring is one French knot: mark a dot; a broken line inside a shape is where two shades meet: trace it, do not stitch it.



1 in
25.4 mm

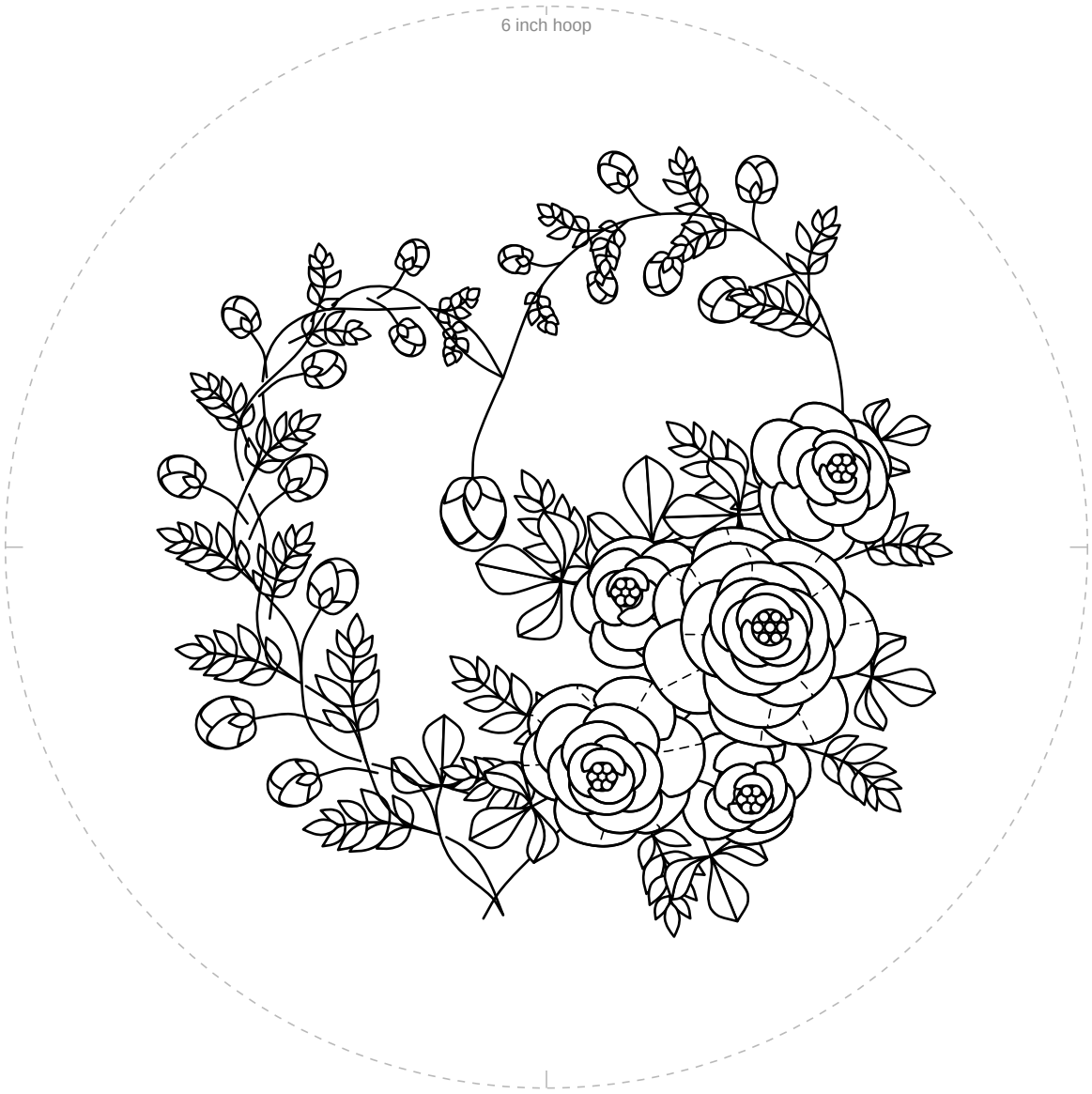
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For an iron-on pen only. Go over the lines, press ink side down.



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